## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A high-speed shear for cutting a rolled strip to a length and including first upper and second lower blade drums carrying, respectively first and second blades and rotationally connected with each other, drive elements located in front of and behind the first and second drums for advancing the rolled strip, under longitudinal tensioning, through a blade gap between the first and second drums, and support rollers supporting the tensioned strip and providing for lifting of the strip before passing of the second blade and for lowering the strip before passing of the first blade through the blade gap.